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1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE JUNE 11 EDITION OF THE  
BLACK CIRCULATION SUNDAY POST, LUCY MVUBELO, DEPUTY VICE PRESIDENT  
OF THE TRADE UNION COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA, HAS BEEN REJECTED  
ONCE AGAIN BY DELEGATES AT THE ILO CONVENTION. SHE ATTRIBUTES  
HER REJECTION TO THE QUOTE STUPIDITY UNQUOTE OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

2. THE SUNDAY POST SAYS QUOTE SOUTH AFRICA'S TOP BLACK TRADE  
UNIONIST LUCY MVUBELO, HAS RUN INTO A WALL OF REJECTION AT THE  
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INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO) CONFERENCE IN GENEVA  
- BECAUSE OF THE QUOTE STUPIDITY UNQUOTE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
INFORMATION.

A FURIOUS MRS. MVUBELO HAS, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE LONG CAREER  
OF LOBBYING BLACK AFRICAN DELEGATES, BEEN TURNED AWAY AS A  
QUOTE STOOGE UNQUOTE AND QUOTE PUPPET UNQUOTE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE REASON? A MASSIVE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION PUBLICITY  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST DISINVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.  
LEADING NEWSPAPERS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE RECENTLY CARRIED  
A FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT WHICH QUOTES A NUMBER OF BLACK  
PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI AND MRS. MVUBELO  
AS REJECTING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND CALLING FOR FURTHER  
INVESTMENT BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.  
QUOTE THAT IS, OF COURSE, CORRECT, BUT IT IS THE OMISSIONS  
FROM THAT ADVERTISEMENT THAT HAVE LANDED ME IN TROUBLE UNQUOTE  
MRS. MVUBELO SAID HERE.

SHE ADDED: QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION MAKES NO MENTION  
OF THE FACT THAT I AM DIAMENTRICALLY OPPOSED TO APARTHEID AND  
WANT IT ABOLISHED AND BECAUSE I WANT IT SCRAPPED I HAVE CALLED  
FOR THE REJECTION OF SANCTIONS UNQUOTE.

QUOTE THE BEST WAY TO BRING ABOUT THE END OF APARTHEID IS TO  
PUMP MONEY INTO THE COUNTRY. BUT THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT QUOTE  
ME ON THAT. IT IS RIDICULOUS. THEY TELL THE WORLD WHAT I WANT  
BUT THEY DO NOT TELL THE WORLD WHY I WANT IT UNQUOTE SHE SAID  
BITTERLY.

QUOTE NOBODY CONSULTED ME BEFOREHAND AND NOBODY ASKED MY  
PERMISSION OR GAVE ME A CHANCE TO VET THE CONTENTS OF THE  
ADVERTISEMENT UNQUOTE SHE SAID.

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MRS. MVUBELO WENT ON: QUOTE THIS IS A DISGRACEFUL THING -  
AND IT IS HARMING RATHER THAN HELPING SOUTH AFRICA. SUDDENLY  
DOORS THAT USED TO BE OPEN TO ME IN GENEVA TO PUT ACROSS THE  
VIEWS OF THE BLACK WORKERS AND THE VOICE OF THE MODERATION  
HAVE BEEN SLAMMED SHUT. IT IS NO GOOD MY ARGUING WITH BLACK  
AFRICAN DELEGATES WHO IN THE PAST HAVE LISTENED TO WHAT I HAVE  
HAD TO SAY. THEY JUST SHOVE THE ADVERTISEMENT IN MY FACE AND  
THAT IS IT. I AM GOING TO DEMAND AN APOLOGY FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT. AND, IN MY OWN AND SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERESTS,  
THEY MUST PUBLISH THAT APOLOGY UNQUOTE.  
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